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ABC COMMISSION SUSPENDS ENFIELD CLUB PERMITS AFTER BULLETS FIRED IN PARKING LOT PIERCE NEIGHBOR'S HOME

RALEIGH – The NC ABC Commission has suspended the permits held by an Enfield private club after a neighbor was wounded early January 1 by gunfire from the club's overflow parking lot.

K's Lounge, 513-A South McDaniel Street, Enfield, has held permanent permits to sell beer and mixed beverages since September 2012. The January 1 incident is part of a pattern of violence at the location, according to sworn statements of law enforcement officers.

The summary suspension is immediate and is in effect until the case is heard by the Office of Administrative Hearings. The action is authorized under N.C. General Statute 150B-3(c), which directs the ABC Commission to begin hearing proceedings on the matter.

This week's action is the first summary suspension this year and is part of an ongoing focus on public health and public safety on the part of the NC ABC Commission.

In September 2013, ABC Commission Chairman Jim Gardner sent a letter to more than 1,000 businesses in North Carolina that hold permits as private clubs to sell and serve alcohol. The letter provided a recap of the regulations related to private clubs and warned club owners and operators that the Commission may impose substantial fines and penalties for ignoring the law or for allowing violence at these locations.

ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 17 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. The Commission oversees permits allowing alcohol sales by more than 18,000 retail outlets across the state. <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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